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Dear Visa Applicant:

We are unable to issue a nonimmigrant visa to you today because:

- ☐ You have not shown sufficiently strong family, social, professional or economic ties to your place of residence to ensure that your stay in the U.S. will be temporary. Section 214(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act states in part that ***“Every alien shall be presumed to be an immigrant until s/he establishes to the satisfaction of the officer, at the time of the application for a visa, that s/he is entitled to nonimmigrant status.”*** This means that we are required to view each applicant as intending to immigrate until the applicant proves otherwise.

Proof that you intend to return to your country is provided by family relationships (“family ties”), employment (“professional ties”) and other economic ties. For younger applicants who have not yet established such ties, our officers may look at educational status, grades and long-range plans and prospects in Korea. As each person’s situation is different, there is no single answer as to what constitutes adequate ties.

- ☐ You have not shown that you are a student qualified to pursue a full course of study in the United States.

- ☐ Other: _____

A common misunderstanding is that overcoming a refusal is a matter of providing more documents. **Reapplying without an actual strengthening of your family, economic, professional, and/or social ties is likely to lead only to a second refusal.** A guarantee letter, like other forms of written documentation, will be considered by the officer who adjudicates your application. A letter, however, cannot substitute for proof that you have well-established ties to your country. U.S. law requires each applicant to qualify for a visa in his or her own right.

Please remember that any information submitted in support of your application must be submitted together with it. We cannot store letters or FAXes sent in advance and later match them up with your application.

Refusals under Section 214(b) are not permanent. If you have new information about your ties or if your overall circumstances have changed *significantly*, you may reapply. Please call **700-2510** to learn about the reapplication process.